

SENATE BILL NO. 129

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR MYERS

Introduced: 4/21/21

Referred: Judiciary, State Affairs

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to information on judicial officers provided in election pamphlets."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * **Section 1.** AS 15.58.050 is amended to read:

4 **Sec. 15.58.050. Information and recommendations on judicial officers. Not**
5 [NO] later than August 7 of the year in which the state general election will be held,
6 the judicial council shall file with the lieutenant governor a statement including
7 information about each supreme court justice, court of appeals judge, superior court
8 judge, and district court judge who will be subject to a retention election. The
9 statement **may not exceed 600 words, must** [SHALL] reflect the evaluation of each
10 justice or judge conducted by the judicial council according to law, and **must**
11 [SHALL] contain **the following information, except when required by law to be**
12 **kept confidential:**

13 **(1)** a brief statement describing each public reprimand, public censure,
14 or suspension received by the **justice or** judge under AS 22.30.011(d) during the
15 period covered in the evaluation; **and**

1 **(2) background information on the justice or judge, identifying**

2 **(A) the law school from which the justice or judge**
3 **graduated;**

4 **(B) the primary practice areas of the justice or judge before**
5 **appointment, including the percentage of the justice's or judge's pre-**
6 **appointment career spent as a trial lawyer;**

7 **(C) the types of clients the justice or judge represented**
8 **before appointment;**

9 **(D) pro bono work performed by the justice or judge before**
10 **appointment;**

11 **(E) elected offices held by the justice or judge;**

12 **(F) political party offices held by the justice or judge;**

13 **(G) organizations in which the justice or judge is a current**
14 **member; and**

15 **(H) clients and employers of members of the justice's or**
16 **judge's household.** [A STATEMENT MAY NOT EXCEED 600 WORDS.]